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MACEDONIAN CALL



But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

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CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Christ's Birthday Offering letters will soon be prepared for mailing. The churches are urged to prepare early to send \$19.58 to the Missions Department. This is our yearly project to provide funds for our missionaries' Merry Christmas away from home.

BLESSED BUNDLE

Little Carol Ann, born April 7, into the home of Brother and Sister Harold L. Turner, India.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sister Bertha N. Cook, retired missionary, is now living at the home of her son, George, 1930 N. Fourth Street, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Now is so important because we can cope with it. Yesterday is gone . . . Tomorrow is tomorrow.—C. E. French

FRONT COVER

The six pictures placed on the outline map of Africa represent the six general territories where the Church of God has taught her standards on this great continent.

Tunisia, the land of veiled women, has for more than six years now, felt the impact of Pentecost. In all of this land there are only two Full Gospel churches. Organized one year ago, our church is one of them.

"Spirit house village" in Nigeria is one of many thousands in the Calabar Province where the Church of God is established. Here, they hang bones outside to show onlookers the feast they held for deceased.

Humanly speaking, the church in Angola is in a great struggle but our God knoweth all things and doeth all things well. This is one of the old buildings at Vista Alegre where our school is located. Much prayer for freedom of worship is needed for our members.

Brother and Sister van der Walt pose with a group of Herero women dressed in their customary tribal attire. The van der Walts work in West Africa, under the direction and support of our Southern African Missions Board.

Throughout the Central African region, many times over, this scene is relived. Our latest statistics show more than 465 national ministers and workers who help to carry out the extensive program of the Church of God in these six areas.

A Church of God at Somalout, Egypt. The church in this country is directed by a national overseer—30 organized groups with a total membership of over 4,000.

Much could be said about the spiritual and numerical growth of all of these works. God has graciously manifested His presence and power among many types and classes of peoples, and we pray that they may be true while others are daily added to the flocks who make up the Church of God in Africa.

Evangel

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

3. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God, and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous and take them to dwell with Him in the state to which the second coming of the saints to Him is the third. 14. In the bodily resurrection, eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.



Editorial

Associates and Brethren

FOR THE PAST six years, compilation of the *Macedonian Call* issues of the *Evangel* has been under the direction of Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary. His work on these special issues has been commendable and it has at all times been a pleasure to work with him and the Missions Department. During the six years of his service, the *Macedonian Call* issues have become some of the most readable and popular of all the *Evangel* issues. Brother Walker's frequent articles have also added considerably to the publication.

All of his friends, and they are legion, will be praying for Brother Walker's success in his new post, that of overseer of the Dakotas and president of Northwest Bible College. This is a tremendous challenge and assignment, but not an unfamiliar one, for he served there early in his ministry. He approaches this great and needy work with the same energy and irrepressible zeal that has marked his entire ministry. Although his formal association with the mission issues of the *Evangel* has terminated, it is hoped that he will continue to come into your home through our pages.

Now Brother L. H. Aultman has assumed the duties of Executive Missions Secretary, and in that capacity will be associated with the four *Macedonian Call* issues of the *Evangel* published each year. Brother Aultman comes to the missions office after having

served as overseer of North Carolina and member of the Missions Board. I am sure that the *Evangel's* association with him will be as pleasant as it was with his predecessor.

Missed also by the Editorial and Missions Departments will be Brother Wade H. Horton, who has endeared himself to us all as Missions Field Representative. His extensive narratives of his travels and his spiritual writings have given greater force to our pages. Brother Horton is the new overseer of Mississippi, where he has been appointed to a tremendous responsibility. The *Evangel* has on file several outstanding features from his pen. These will be printed from time to time in the future.

Brother Horton's successor is C. R. Spain, former overseer of Michigan. We feel that he will do well, for he, too, has a soul-winner's heart, and was one of the original members of the Evangelism Committee.

In my heart there is a three-fold prayer today: that God will lead Brother Walker and Brother Horton into the greatest and most fruitful ministry they have ever had; that He will use Brother Aultman and Brother Spain to continue the world-wide outreach of Church of God missions; and that the *Evangel*, particularly the *Macedonian Call* issues, will in every way record adequately and faithfully the triumphs that are ahead.

May He grant that prayer



Paul H. Walker, who was addressing the 47th General Assembly, turns toward the camera as the photograph was taken.

Operation Sixty-five

By J. H. Ingram

Since retiring from the official full-time ministry less than 4 years ago, I have seen a little of 43 countries and colonies, making a total of 110 visited during my mission travels that have taken me around the world several times. As my 65th birthday is just around the corner, so to speak, and inasmuch as I have just returned from what may well be my last long missionary journey, I am terming this article "Operation Sixty-five."

Experience in Central America

During my last trip I traveled throughout Mexico and Central America, and it was quite a venture for a man of my age. The original itinerary called for visits to all of the South American countries, but hindered by force majeure I limited my travels to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Suffice to say God blessed in the services everywhere in spite of the fact I was sick for quite some time and unable to get into the services as one should. I preached 37 times and 54 souls came to God in the meetings. Among them was a young Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Jose Gabriel Duenos Alfaro of Santa Tecla, El Salvador. Brother Alfaro is well educated in Spanish and Latin, having spent 14 years studying in a seminary. His father, a general in the Salvadorian Army, is now serving as military attache in the embassy of El Salvador at Washington, D. C.

I can read the Bible in 6 languages and understand it fairly well, but I had never had a Latin Bible in my hands before meeting Brother Alfaro. He marveled at it when I picked up the Book and started to read, translating the text into Spanish. When I left for Panama I encouraged him to go on with God and remain faithful to the Lord. At that time a voice came to me in my own language saying, "I will do it." I thought that it was he speaking,

but he told me later that he did not know a word of English. Evidently it was the voice of God expressing Brother Alfaro's sentiment.

After two trips to Rome and having enjoyed fame and the wealth of this world all of his life, it calls for a great sacrifice on the part of this young brother, 23 years of age, to step out by faith on the promises of God, but he says he is determined. Please pray for him.

He came to live in a small room at the Bible School dormitory and plans to attend school to study the Church of God doctrine. The place where he sleeps does not have a window in it, just open around the top for ventilation, yet he seems to be very happy and is cooperating with Brother McCullough wholeheartedly.

One day they were looking for someone to take a wheelbarrow load of vegetables from the mission garden to the central market when Brother Alfaro volunteered for the job. Stooped over pushing a wheelbarrow, everybody could see the bald spot on the top of his head, in the form of an ugly scar where the Catholics had shaved his head then burned the hair roots with acid to keep them from growing out again. Pray that this brother will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and go through with God at any cost, for in so doing he will no doubt be able to win some of his former companions. He and an Italian priest at one time were on the verge of committing suicide together because they were so disgusted with the empty Roman Catholic rituals. The Pentecostal message has given him fresh courage.

This is another outstanding work of the Lord, one among many that I have been privileged to witness through His almighty power, and I can only be humbly grateful that He uses a 65-year-old instrument still, to accomplish a purpose for Him.

BOUND FOR TUNISIA

On the afternoon of her departure from Cleveland, Sister Margaret Gaines made a special visit to the missions offices for prayer with the staff. We knelt in the office of the Executive Secretary and together with friends who had happened by we prayed for her safe voyage and God's blessings upon her labors on the field. The sweet Holy Ghost witnessed audibly of His presence with us, and though parting is sorrowful, our hearts rejoiced that others might yet receive precious gospel seed through the hands of this saintly young person. We covet an earnest interest in the prayers of the readers for

Margaret's success in Tunisia. Her ship left New York harbor on September 5.

We wish to quote an article written by Brother Clyde Buxton (youth director) in *Alabama Echoes*. "Margaret Gaines is the Church of God's only missionary to the far-off country of Tunisia. She has faced almost insurmountable hardships there, but she has borne this like a real ambassador for Christ. Her work in Tunisia has prospered. Margaret, a native of Anniston, Alabama (which endears her even more to us), is home on furlough, so we were

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INTO GOOD GROUND

A thrilling story is told in excerpts from three different letters written by Lovell R. Carey, Honolulu, Hawaii. One can feel with him the throb of a compassionate heart as he looks about for fruits of his labors, and then the rejoicing of a heart quickened with hope because of the experience that he tells about.

FIRST:

Of all my burdens here the one that is heaviest to bear is to see the gospel go forth and not too much visible results. It just makes me cry my heart out at times. I visit, pray, preach, and do all that I can, it seems, but it takes years to get the Buddhist to see the light on Jesus Christ and His saving power. It takes at least one year of regular visitation, or sometimes even more, to get one in church just one time.

I would like to add something along this line. Only six per cent of the people of these islands are Protestant. The rest are Buddhist, Catholic, Mormon, and a few others that are not quite as large. The Buddhists number 100,000 with the Catholics numbering 120,000.

If a man wants to go to a mission field, he should first be appointed to Hawaii and then if five years later he still has the desire to labor in Hawaii or any other place the Board would want him to go, he really has the call to be a missionary.

SECOND:

The best report in a long time is that Saturday, when we went to the park to take the children for an outing, a Japanese lady was there and was hungry for the Word of God. She had been a Buddhist all her life and she just drank up the Word that we gave to her. Saturday evening Brother Nakashima, and his wife, and Brother and Sister Lopez and I went to her home, and she gave us all of her Buddhist possessions.



Sunday morning (yesterday) I took her three children to Sunday School for the first time in their entire life. The lady is going to go with us this coming Sunday. Tomorrow evening Brother Nakashima, Brother and Sister Lopez, and Sister Carey and I are going back to conduct Bible studies in her home. We just rejoice at this victory. It is so seldom that a Buddhist turns from his faith, that this is a real victory for us.

Also, Brother Lopez went to a home yesterday morning and conducted service for about 30 people that had gathered.

THIRD:

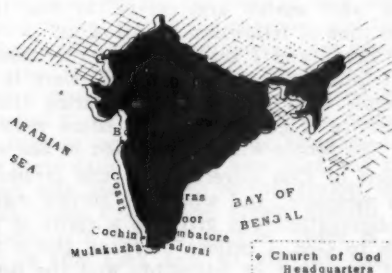
Every church here is having a D.V.B.S. this year, and Sister Carey and I will be conducting three of them. This September we are having "Know Your Church Week" in all of our churches.

God is still graciously blessing and the work is looking better all the time. The Buddhist lady, or the former Buddhist lady, that is, of whom I wrote in my previous letter, went to church with us yesterday. Not only did she attend, but her four children as well. Her conversion has been a blessed event for us.

Dear reader, take courage in your asking for the heathen, for perhaps yours was the very prayer that made this heart the fallow ground that was ready to receive the seed of God's Holy Word!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM INDIA



The church is moving forward. Souls are being saved. From reports from our workers in the various fields, we learn that many are receiving the Holy Ghost.

We have organized 18 new churches this year, one is in Coimbatore, a large city in the Tamil field. We went down on the Malabar Coast last month and accepted 3 churches, one of which has over 50 members. Some of the brethren from these churches visited with us in Coonoor during our convention and were blessed and decided they wanted to be with the Church of God. They returned to their churches and arranged meetings for us.

We had our Tamil field state convention in Madurai from May 22-25. It was a great convention; many souls were saved, and 5 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We long to see a heaven-born revival sweep throughout India.

—Harold L. Turner

We have just closed the fourth consecutive campaign. Susan conducts a series of meetings for the youth in the afternoon, and then I have the adult service in the evening. We are so grateful that God has been pleased to place His seal of approval upon our efforts. Just in Pietermaritzburg we have over 16 outstation Sunday Schools. As yet we do not know the exact number of services convening each week.

I am preparing a 4 by 6 foot map of this section of the country, on which we plan to pinpoint our outstations and mission efforts. Then, too, we are preparing a full directory of services. I have 5 established churches in Greater Pietermaritzburg but from Obodedom Temple alone my missionaries, evangelists, and Christian workers hold between 40 and 50 services each week. At Obodedom, counting the daily prayer sentinal, youth services, and midweek services, we have 17 services; of these I attend 8.

It is still rather a hard "drag" as I am in a building project also. We have converted the garage into my vestry, and built a lecture room 24 by 18, plus some other remodeling.

We have never set such a high value and esteemed the Church's stand for holiness more than now, that we are so far from Montgomery Avenue. I do believe that my association with the Church of God in the States did something to me which is not going to rub off easily.

—John J. Fourie, Natal, Southern Africa

Brother James Beaty and I attended a very nice communion service in Pastor Lacombe's church (Port-au-Prince) the Thursday night before Easter. It is a very strict custom here in Haiti to observe Holy Week to the last detail, and hence on Thursday night they held the communion and foot-washing service.

I was told that we two were the only people there that were not required to have a ticket in order to attend. Tickets are issued to all the church members, because if they did not restrict the communion service to the members possibly several thousand people would come to get the bread and wine. For the service, a table that I estimated to be 30 feet long was set up across the front of the church. By using this long table, seated on both sides, they could serve approximately 50 people at one time.

The service itself was very impressive, and God blessed the hearts of all of us Christians as we partook of the bread and wine and meditated on the body and blood that they represented. Brother Beaty

The first meeting of the assembly began at 5:00 a.m., and each morning a prayer meeting was held at this hour. Visiting ministers from the States included J. L. Gooden, J. H. Hughes, W. R. Wilbanks, R. V. Dillingham, and A. W. Brummett. Brother P. F. Taylor, the island overseer, reported 165 revivals were conducted last year, with 6,856 converts, 1,805 sanctified, 599 received the Holy Ghost, 1,401 baptized in water, 1,608 added to the church. Fifteen new churches were organized, 14 new Sunday Schools, and 13 new Y.P.E.'s.

The Bible College, under the direction of S. L. Peterson and faculty, presented an impressive program, and an offering of \$71.42 was received for the school. The financial reports, island-wide, are amazing, and it appears that God has given increases in every phase of the work. The total membership is now 11,064, and a great delegation attended the convention each day.

The convention climaxed with a mighty message on the same grand theme, "The just shall live by faith," by the General Overseer, the Reverend Houston R. Morehead. With the inspiration of this text burned into our hearts, we the people of Jamaica go back to our labors to live more abundantly and to labor and work for God in the faith, for the just shall live by faith.

This is a portion of the wonderful report sent by the island secretary, Mrs. Preston F. Taylor

preached on the subject "The Blood" and God blessed in that sermon. After prayer Brother Lacombe and I washed feet as a symbol of our observation of this portion of the ceremony. (The great crowd made it impossible for everyone to wash feet.) After this the supper was begun. While the accordion played "Come and Dine" the Christians marched, 50 at a time, to the table, and were seated and served. It was truly a marvellous time of fellowship for all of us.

Brother Beaty and I kept count of the number of times that table was served, and there were 15 tables full of people who took their turn during the communion service. Figuring this up, there must have been over 750 people who participated in the service.

The Spirit of God hovered over the ceremony in wonderful measures, and when the service was over, all the congregation was given to a spirit of prayer and praise to God. I believe everyone felt a special portion of the spirit of fellowship and the Spirit of God in that service. God is surely blessing our efforts for Him on this field, and we are working toward doing more for Him. We need and desire your prayers.

—Warren E. Coleman

A Story of

By A. J. Angvick
Missionary Overseer

Growing Interest in the Gospel

FOR SOME TIME we have been anxious to acquaint you with the work in Panama. It has been quite a while since we have written anything concerning our church activities in this area.

The Bible school was officially opened April 16 with 22 enrolled and about 6 more to come later. We are very happy to have the help that has been given to us and we feel that this will be a very successful year. Our Bible school is different in that both Spanish and English are spoken. Brother Hiram Almirudis, Assistant Youth Director for Latin America, is instructing in Spanish, and Brother Vergil Wolf in English. In the opening service I noticed that everyone was rejoicing, and interest was extremely high.

We built two dormitories on cement base on the ground level under the church. We thank God for all of you who are responsible for the success of this school. Naturally, a two-month course is all too short, but it certainly will serve as a start and if our plans materialize we would like to have a term of from 4 to 6 months next year. We are in desperate need of workers in both Spanish and English. It seems that the Spanish are more stable in the Word once they are saved, but the West Indians, who are English-speaking, seem to get easily mixed up in the Word. Therefore, it is our prayer that the Lord will help us to see that the English students will be so grounded in the Word that they will be apt not only in preaching, but also in teaching. We have some wonderful prospects and the fields here are ripe unto harvest.

There is a great burden upon us for this field, and we are beseeching the Lord to anoint all of us with more of the Holy Ghost and with power. We have seen wonderful results, after prayer and fasting, by workers who go out into the field. We want to make this a banner year for the glory of God, and to see a sweeping revival among the churches and the workers.

At Santa Rita two of our workers are doing much to reach the unreached. These people are about the poorest I have seen. They are a mixed group, and from what I can gather they are the descendants of West Indians brought over by Morgan, the pirate, in the early days. They are very dark and have intermarried with the Indians of this region. Some speak Spanish, some Creole, and others English, but all in all, theirs is a peculiar tongue. There is no church in all of this area and we are the first to reach them. Miracles of healing caused them to be interested in the gospel. A lady past 70 years was bedridden with arthritis in both ankles and feet. She was prayed for at her home one Sunday and that very night the Lord healed her. The next morning she was up and

down the road telling everyone what the Lord had done. Her 93-year-old husband was healed of bursitis after witnessing this miracle. Thank God, it makes no difference as to age and the Lord is no respecter of persons.

One sister was healed of lung trouble, and another sister who had been bitten by a dog was prayed for and healed. Her foot had developed what appeared to be gangrene. A brother that had been hit by a falling tree came to listen to the services last Sunday. When he saw us praying for the sick, he asked if he could be prayed for. The Lord healed him and on Tuesday while we were looking over the site that had been donated to us, this same brother came and stated that he was healed, and wanted to make sure of his salvation. He was a different person. This, of course, caused interest to be increased. So far, 18 persons have been baptized and there are more to follow. These people have nothing of worldly goods and I have placed in the budget for Santa Rita a request for \$400 that we hope will be approved. Brother and Sister Greaves are doing an excellent work there. Yesterday, Brother Greaves spent the day beginning to clear the land and preparing it for a church building in the near future. The land was donated by a Creole brother. Sister Greaves and Sister John, who is helping the Greaves in this work, both speak Creole, Spanish, and English. Sister John is turning out to be an excellent worker for the Lord, and we do appreciate her ministry.

Another request that has been placed in the budget is for the Rio Abajo church. Brother and Sister Bowen, some years ago, took one side of their home and fixed it for church services, but since the work is now moving so rapidly, this place is too small. We placed Sister Claris Weeks in full charge of this work nearly a year ago and God has blessed there. After finding out that they have nearly \$300 in their building fund, I suggested that they commence looking for a site. I have requested about \$800 to purchase a piece of land they have in mind, and they can do the rest. If anything could be done for the above two projects we certainly will appreciate it very much.

RECENTLY WE MADE a trip with our car into the Vulcan mountain area to northern Panama. The work up there is progressing and interest in the gospel is growing right along. We left the car in Concepcion and took a bus to Vulcan where we were met by brethren from Calissen with horses. This trail is an old Indian trail that has been used for centuries, no doubt, and since the area is mountainous, we

traveled both up and down the steepest trails I have ever seen. After riding horseback continuously for seven hours (I am not a horseman, and the last hours were in darkness), we arrived totally exhausted. All I could see was somewhere to stretch out, but with the hungry hearts of all of the people gathered together to meet us, we simply had to have a service of some kind. The Lord helped us through a meeting and again the next day we had a glorious time worshipping Him. A site 60 by 120 feet has been donated and members have been allocated the task of bringing in fifteen pieces of lumber each. They even know the size that this lumber must be cut, and we want to put in \$100 for the roofing. The following day we traveled six hours horseback to Quebrada Vuelta where we had a glorious service. We dedicated children that night and many testified to healing for their bodies.

A new work has been opened at Cerron, which is about three hours by horseback from Quebrada Vuelta. The brother in charge there is a precious saint of God. He acted as our guide a part of the way on this trip, during which we had to cross a river that was to take us to Concepcion where we were scheduled to hold two services. We had been riding for nearly five hours when we met a sister whose husband had been sick in bed for many days. She was sick also, and their daughter had a skin ulcer about three inches across. We were extra tired because the last hour had been spent in descending a steep mountain on foot, with the horses trailing after. My legs felt like two boards and were about as stiff. The time we spent in the home of these people caused us to miss the train, but the testimony we have for an ever-present God is glorious. The man was healed straightway and got out of bed and walked. His wife was healed, and the girl with the ulcer said that the pain and soreness had left immediately. After they gave us water to drink we were on our way.

We learned at Esquito that the train had left fifteen minutes earlier and the next one would be leaving the following morning, but having sensed that we were going to be too late, we had prayed and said to the Lord, "Your will be done." If He wanted us to stay over, we knew it would be for a reason. We sat in the shade for a few minutes and a private official car for the railroad came by. The driver made a telephone call at the station and as he returned to the car we asked him if he had room for us. He at first shook his head, but as he looked at us, something seemed to change his mind and he said, "Get in." We said a hurried good-bye to Brother Domingo, who would be taking the horses back, and we were on our way. This was a spur of the main line, and after arriving at the main line, he moved over the switch and back down the main railroad to the station. He took out our luggage and would not even accept pay for his trouble. In less than ten minutes the train that we had missed came, and we were soon heading for Concepcion. How the Lord led us in all of this is much more marvelous than can be told. We preached that night at Concepcion and had a good service. But the next night we had a service that will long be

remembered. The power of God came down and it seemed that the whole church was electrified with the multitude of people that came forward. There must have been at least 18 that testified to instantaneous healing.

Our next schedule was to take us some six miles toward Panama City, to Las Lomas, and during the day, workers went about the city broadcasting about the meeting that night. We had fasted for the service and the crowd was so large that we met in the open air. The Lord moved in a glorious way and many were saved that night. We left Las Lomas with our hearts full of praises to our God, who had been with us and revealed Himself to those who are hungry for Him. The same Jesus whom the Word states "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil" had gone before us on this journey. After service at Las Lomas, I had to drive all night, about 340 miles, to Panama City. We stopped only for gas once and we slept for thirty minutes. This schedule was a tight one. It had to be, as the rains would soon be upon us and we had to help prepare the Bible school session that was ahead. All in all, it was a wonderful trip.

Tomorrow we are leaving for the Darien country for about two weeks. We want to establish work not too far from Garachine where we have our headquarters church for that area. We intend to try to reach the Indians there. The two predominating tribes are the Khunas and Chokos. The former consider themselves superior to the latter. But I dare say they are all alike in the sight of God, as He is no respecter of persons and is not willing that any should perish but that all should be saved. The Khunas are the tribe that cause all the opposition to civilization moving into the southern part of Panama. It is the wildest section in the republic and it extends down into Colombia. But our God is able and willing to help us, and He will open the way. We plan to place Brother and Sister Lucero on the Osborn evangelistic fund in order to help them as they continue on after we leave there. We would like to request much prayer for this project.

After this trip we will be helping in the Bible school, as the rains no doubt will be starting. We can then get rested and get away from some of the dysentery that has been trying to get hold of me during my last two trips north.

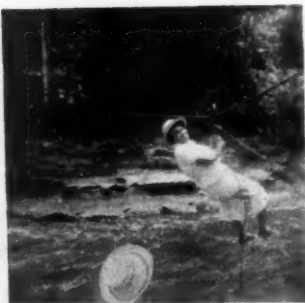
I would like to say that Brother and Sister Vergil Wolf are precious people doing a mighty fine work for the Lord. They are hard and able workers for the

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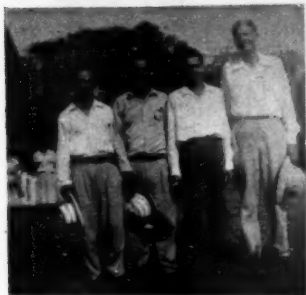
for my family. I am the only one saved in the entire family. An unsaved uncle was recently killed in an automobile accident. My sister's husband has a hemorrhaging ulcer. My father recently had a heart attack and the doctors inform him that he has enlarged heart and hardening of the arteries.

Mrs. Paul Searcy



One of the Palacic brothers lengthens the stirrups for Brother Angvick. There are no roads into this area, and even oxcarts cannot enter.

Evangelist Manuela Teran crossing the river on breeches buoy. The Lord is greatly using the ministry of this sister, for the salvation of souls.



Brother Arcadio Diaz, district pastor; Brother Felix Palacios, pastor of Caissan group; Brother Prospero, pastor at Cerro; and Brother Angvick.

The Palacios family, who donated the land for the Church of God at Caissan. They are all members of the Church. Brother Angvick on horseback.



VICTORY

A suburb of the small city of Santiago in the Philippines is called Victory. There was no Pentecostal work in Santiago when Brother and Sister Ariston Evangelista went there last July, but a home was opened for them for meetings and three months later a church was organized with twelve members. In November Brother Reesor, the island overseer, gave them \$500 which had been sent to him by the C. B. Johnsons, of Atlanta, Georgia. Within two months a memorial stood in Victory!

The membership increased to eighteen and other converts are regular attendants at the services. In January the Sunday School average was 112.

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Angola

Maria Paulo was saved at the age of 16, in 1949. She is the first convert under the ministry of the Starks in Angola. She taught in our Bible School there in 1954-57.



UBERLANDIA, BRAZIL

We have just finished our convention in the Central Region of Brazil, and thought you would be interested in hearing about it. The actual convention lasted three nights and two days, but the people had already gathered and were in full progress a night ahead of time. The evening services were a real blessing. The aisles and front steps were crowded with those standing. I noticed under one window, which was high off the ground, that someone had put up a ladder and it was full of people trying to see and hear. Brother Hargrave preached the two nights he was with us.

The days started with an early morning prayer meeting, then after coffee and bread, which is what most Brazilians consider breakfast, the ministers met for two hours. There were 21 licensed workers present. Then there was a Bible study conducted by one of the pastors, and one morning a question and answer period conducted by Brother Vessie D. Hargrave. The afternoon services were dedicated to L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E.

All visitors were taken care of in the homes of the families in the three Golanias churches. The cooking was done behind the church on a hand-made, outdoor stove. One plate, heaped with beans, rice, and usually one other item, served for as many as four adults. If they had a spoon, they used it, but if not, well . . . no one left hungry! Everyone returned home encouraged, revived, and ready to work harder this year than ever before. Some were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Ghost. The thing that Bill and I were really happy about was that two young men said they felt called to the ministry. Brazil desperately needs new, young workers, and we feel that this is a good start.

We are already hearing of good results from the revivals which were held during the united revival of the Church of God, April 6-20. Many of them started when the convention was over.

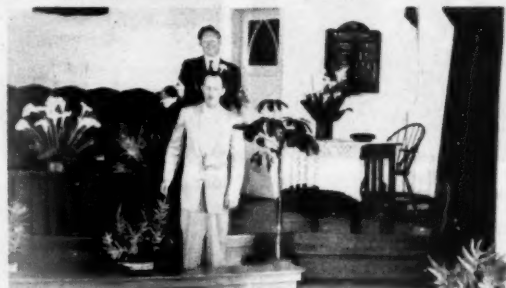
Brother Hargrave and Bill left Golanias and went to Brasilia, the future national capital of Brazil, to see about the possibilities of starting a work there in the near future. We have about thirty-five members who have moved there already, and we want to get in on the ground floor and grow with the city. Bill will be back up there in a few days. The prospects look good.

A little bit about our BIG project for this year—the Bible school. The Missions Board has sent us \$2,000 which was allotted last year, and with the offerings that others have sent, we will have enough to make a good start. **IT WILL BE THE FIRST PENTECOSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE BUILT IN ALL BRAZIL!** Bill has drawn up tentative plans, and wants to talk with a constructor while in Golanias to get an estimate on cost, etc. Brother Wayne McAfee is working on textbooks and the curriculum for the school.

We trust, as we solicit your prayers, that each succeeding report will show real advancement in every phase of our endeavors in Brazil. —Rhoda Watson

RECORD BROKEN

Brother Ronnie Helton, the pastor of the Church of God in Honolulu, Hawaii, is the happy pastor. The Sunday School superintendent, Brother Kenneth Howard, lets him break the record over his head. The church had special services during the Easter week end, and the attendance reached 152.

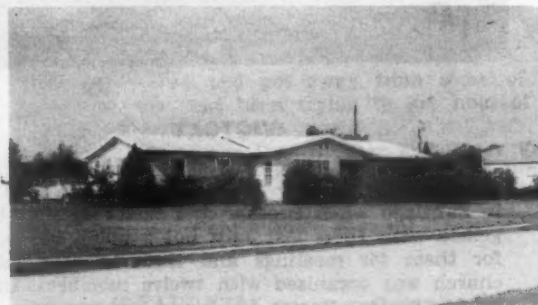


GROWING INTEREST IN THE GOSPEL

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cause of Christ, and I would like very much to have them here with us permanently as the work is expanding so rapidly that we feel we should have some help. They have had a hard time this past month in finances, but we have been doing all that we could for them. I believe that they will be a success wherever they are placed, and I have the highest respect for his ministry.

Last night and this morning I have been so burdened for the work that I almost feel that even sleep is a hindrance, as the conversions we have seen for Christ have been so wonderful. It seems that the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh. With so much unrest in the world, and such wickedness on every hand, every means should be utilized to get the gospel to lost and dying humanity. But I feel like traveling on, and we here in Panama are moving forward while it is yet day.



This is the home purchased by the Missions Department for the Latin American Superintendent. It is located on Huisache Street, San Antonio, Texas, and it is occupied by Brother Vessie D. Hargrave. We feel the Lord helped us secure this fine home with its shrubbery and spacious lawn and many other conveniences, for approximately \$16,000.

REPORT FROM NIGERIA

Not long ago three of the Bible school students were filled with the Holy Ghost in a chapel service, and a few days later another four students received the Holy Ghost. Three of them prophesied and gave messages and it was wonderful! God is greatly dealing with all the students to be drawn closer, and revealing Himself to their hearts. We are grateful for such an outpouring.

I have been typing stencils by the dozens since we have had the mimeograph machine. It seems that I am printing books for the Bible school! Our days are full, but we are happy to do our bit for the Master. This morning, while Brother Searcy was gone to the hospital to take a woman who couldn't deliver her child, a man came to get us to visit his wife who had had triplets last night.

I visit our day school each Friday to teach the Word of God and English choruses to about 250 African children. They look forward to my weekly visits, and I enjoy this phase of my work even though I have to drive a total of thirty miles on terrible roads to get to impart the Word to them.

Our children have only two more months of school this year. They are looking forward to a little vacation and to moving into their new house which will afford more room, privacy, and conveniences. The home will soon be completed.

This is the harmattan season now, when the dust comes down from the Sahara Desert. It is an unpleasant time, for many suffer with sore throats and eyes, but the Lord has been very good to us in keeping us fit for Him. Even though many deadly diseases rage, He has protected us from them all. Praise His worthy name!

—Dorothy James Searcy
Missionary, Nigeria

A GERMAN FUNERAL

When there is a death in Germany, as in Bible times, a long funeral procession marches with the body into the cemetery. Every person wears black. The entire funeral service is held at the open grave.

At the end of such a funeral recently, the whole listening audience was stunned by a loud ringing voice. A son of the dead father cried out loudly, "To you who live, I bring a message from the dead. My father was a wicked man who beat us and opposed us in every way possible to keep us from serving God. He was a drunkard who, at the last, drank raw spirits. But God accorded him wonderful mercy and on his deathbed he accepted Christ. A few weeks ago I would have been standing here dressed in black, and weeping. But today I wear light blue instead of black, for I do not mourn. I know that I will see my father again on that resurrection morning, and it will be a glad reunion. In his last hours he begged me repeatedly, 'Reinhold, tell everyone who will listen that I almost waited too late. They must accept God and not wait and put Him off as I did. Tell it as long as you have breath. Promise me that.'"

As he stepped back from the grave the whole audience was weeping. Surely there was never such a funeral! Not one who heard that message will ever forget!

Dear ones, we would like to remind you that Reinhold's hope comes through faith in Christ, that after the crucifixion came the glorious resurrection, in which hope we also rest. Our Christ is risen and living in our souls. Help us speed this message to all the world.

—Bobbie Lauster,
Missionary, Germany

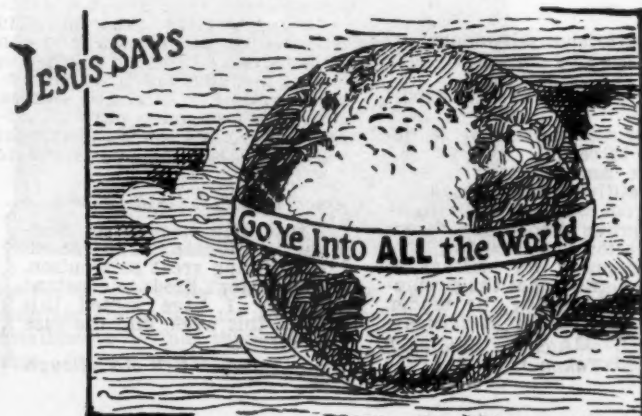
FROM THE LAND OF THE GANGES

This week I have been in one of our stations nearby, about 12 miles from here, with Sister Myers. We had four days' special meetings, and the Lord gave us some new souls. Eight received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the tarrying meetings are continued. The brethren agreed to pray for one week continuously for 24 hours. We are nowadays praying so that the Lord should send forth a great revival in India especially among our people. We are thankful for the beloved brethren in the States who are lifting us up before the throne of God.

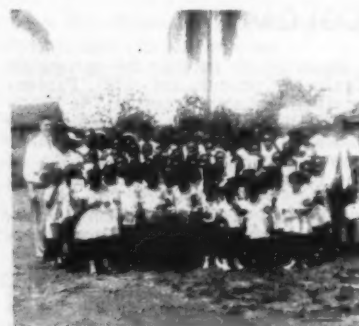
Our work in India is increasing very much and the people are uniting with our work because of the sound doctrine. I got a letter from a leader of an independent group in the southernmost point of India asking me to visit his stations (23 in number) and unite them with our organization. I am going to the Telugu field for a convention this month and am expecting Brother Turner to meet me at Madras. After this tour I am intending to visit the above-mentioned leader and speak to him about our work. I am really glad to go, since I know that they are brought up in an indigenous way.

April 6 is my birthday and I am completing my 60th year. With a heart full of thanks I am approaching that day, for my Lord has led me all the way in my life and kept me faithful in this work for the last 33 years. Besides I am thankful that I am quite healthy and can do the work of a young man of 30. Praise the Lord! Please remember me always in your prayers.

—T. M. Varughese



SHALL WE DO WHAT HE SAYS?



Limon, Costa Rica, Sunday School. Brother Jackie Scott reported 90 present. He and Sister Scott are preparing to open two new missions in this area.

By
Thomas Pullin

Overseer, Guatemala



Every obtainable hut and every available room and the five church buildings were packed to the doors. People slept under the stars and canvas material hung over a few sticks; but no one complained, for nobody was there for comforts but for the blessings of the Lord. I did hear one minister say that he refused to sleep on the floor by the door, for everyone shook his dust in his face as he entered and left the crowded room.

This is the scene of the annual convention on our beautiful rugged mountain in Chucaca, Guatemala. It is a unique feast and it would not be an exaggeration to say that the entire meeting was a visitation from heaven, and that this 31st annual event was a "roaring success" for the church and for the glory of God. As usual, it was impossible to estimate the number saved, sanctified, and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

In the valley where the cold waters flow, 46 believers were immersed while the message of the

hour was interpreted into the Indian language by a good brother from the Totonicanpan church.

Among the visitors from out of the country were our Superintendent, the Reverend Vessie D. Hargrave, and our Editor-in-Chief, the Reverend T. R. Morse. Brother Hargrave preached a mighty message at the end of which the Holy Ghost took over, and it was wonderful to see the people rejoice in the real ecstasy of heaven. Other guests came from Michigan, New York, and Mexico. A former chaplain of the U.S. Army in the last World War and a doctor of theology came along, and some who chanced to hear of the convention decided to visit this out-of-the-way place. We hope that they carried away fragrance of sweetness in their souls.

A great healing service took place in the women's meeting while the workers' meeting was in progress. Many healings were visible and there was real rejoicing among the saints through the prayers and faith of a young man from New York who preached in Spanish.

This young evangelist stayed with us after the convention and we have had special meetings here in the side lot in Quiche. He is a live preacher, and he gave us some good messages. Some have accepted the gospel and others have come closer to it through his efforts.

I want to say a few words about the busy days of Holy Week as they call it down here. Far from being holy are the celebrations practiced by the masses. However, in Guatemala people are getting inclined toward the liberty of the gospel and are not as fanatical as a few years back. For example, if you did not remove your hat at the passing of the idol procession, someone might remove it for you. Now cars are driven through the streets on

Good Friday. You might have been knocked off your horse if you wandered out on that day mounted; now you can go anywhere and do almost anything in Easter week and not be molested. We had our horns from the public address system placed at the windows and the gospel wafted out over the town and even over the procession as it moved up the street.

There was a great sunrise service in the capital in the open-air theater Easter morning, with nearly all the churches taking part; thus the gospel is being crowded into every corner here in the republic.

Here in Quiche we had a sunrise service and in the afternoon baptized eight candidates. In the evening we celebrated the Lord's sacrament and practiced the washing of the saints' feet. We also made a trip to several outstations with our New York evangelist and held services in the open air in two places. The people gathered around and wished us to stay longer, as they were becoming interested in the things of the Lord.

In a third place where we got out into the open with our little light plant and loud-speaker, the priest came and started his campaign about fifty yards from us, but he couldn't interfere with the loud-speaker. We finished the meeting and quite a few were prayed with; one man came out from the back of the crowd direct, to accept the Lord. The pastor of the place, Gorge Giron, said that he was a criminal and that the people knew he had committed murder in that town. So we are rejoicing again in the Lord. We are over another Holy Week in Guatemala, and pressing forward with the hope of a greater future in the work here for His glory.

COLOMBIA

In order to further its campaign against Communism and Protestantism in Latin America, the Roman Catholic Church has decided to establish in Bogota, Colombia, a new organization to be known as the Council of the Latin American Episcopate (CELAM). The amazing spread of Protestantism in Latin America is viewed with alarm—well-equipped Protestant schools, extensive distribution of Protestant literature, coupled with the fact that future leaders may receive their preparation and training in Latin America are factors responsible, in the judgment of Catholic strategists, for the wide diffusion of Protestantism.

—Latin American Evangelist

ADVANTAGE OF MISSIONARY LITERATURE

IT IS—

- never a foreign missionary.
- not limited by language, class, party, or denomination.
- not required to have a passport or visa.
- part of the culture it is designed to reach.
- positive and constant as well as repetitive in its message.
- free from physical limitations, never grows tired or sick, needs no vacation or furlough.
- able to speak its message at the time and under the circumstances chosen by the reader.
- suited to a world in ferment.

—Richard Windchell
(Taken from E. L. O.)

CHINA

It is reported that the Religious Affairs Bureau of the "People's Government" in China has made an announcement that the Old Testament is of no value and can be discarded. However, Christian student meetings are again permitted. According to informed sources, there has been much physical suffering in China during the past year.

—Missionary Mandate

PRAYER CALL

Please help us pray for Bolivar La Montana. The church is suffering great persecution. The pastor's life is in constant danger. I have visited this place this week, and the case is serious.

—Rev. O'Neil McCullough

MOBILIZATION

to Possess the Land

BY PAUL H. WALKER

A Message With Appeal to Youth

AND HE SAID unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Winston Churchill said, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job."

The greatest foe of world evangelism is not Communist aggression and initiative, but Christian indifference and lethargy. The Church must mobilize its forces and array itself with a vision for the lost beyond the confines of our own blessed America, to wrestle against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places.

To substantiate this burning responsibility of praying, of giving and of going with the message, we would only need to visit one time with Brother and Sister Searcy and see Nigeria "in the raw": "We visited a home in the bush where triplets had been born. The superstitious fear throughout the village is that they have been cursed through this event and the custom is that death must come to two of the children to appease their angry gods." Children of many lands are born in mud huts with dirt floors and absolutely no sanitation, but more pathetic than this is the fact that they are born in spiritual darkness. Should we not CALL FOR CHRISTIAN MOBILIZATION to fulfill the great commission to evangelize the world?

THE COUNTERPART is found in a well-trained ministerial staff such as the "Bicycle Brigade" of ministers mobilized to evangelize, as those featured here. "Ten bicycles bought with the American dollar provide these ten national preachers, trained under the able ministry of the missionary, to ride through



patches of the bush with the gospel message." The ministers are paying for the bikes in small monthly installments, so that there will be a revolving bicycle fund.

On the head of this would-be Nigerian Santa Claus sits an image who is supposed to be a prophet writing in the Bible. This boy has heard of a Santa, but he knows nothing of the Saviour.

The great commission calls for Christian mobilization to evangelize the world by PRAYER for the Church's platoon which is "holding forth the Word of Life" in the darkest places. Have you not heard the missionary often say, "We need your money, but more than that we need your prayers?"

... Prayers for God's presence when we seemingly are standing alone, hundreds and thousands of miles from home and loved ones.

... Prayers when our mail is intercepted, and we go for weeks without hearing from home.

... Prayers to enable us to wrestle against wicked principalities, evil powers and rulers of the darkness of the world which deprive us of our freedom as we watch the nationals imprisoned, whipped and threatened because of their testimony of receiving Christ.

... Prayers against spiritual wickedness in the channels of formalistic churchism that is Christless, and a religion of communism that is godless.

... Prayers to release from bondage those whose faith is placed in heathen gods.

... Prayers when our children are sick and their bodies are raging with fever and disease.

... Prayers when loved ones at home die and we are not able to be with the family for the burial.

... Prayers for courage to stand, for wisdom to do, and for love and compassion to portray Christ to the lost.

"Oh, yes," they say, "many are the hours that are dark, but we take refuge when we have faith to believe that the Church of God is mobilized at home in prayer for us, and that thus we are upheld as we fulfill our calling."

Let us give the readers a line from our Brother Wade H. Horton, who recently passed through a country that has deprived our church of its



freedom, but where, thank God, our anchor holds. "We found that the Christians are standing firm for the Lord. The European Christians here are very happy in the Lord and seem very sound in what they are doing. Their hands are tied when it comes to helping the natives. Some have not been prohibited from going to help them, but they are advised that it is not the proper thing to do. It is impossible to understand the pressure of such a system as this Police State; nevertheless, the natives are continuing to push ahead. One church has put in a cement floor since the persecution began. Another bought two gas lamps and they are supporting their pastor through tithes and offerings. A leader of another denomination was amazed at the faithfulness of these black people. One of our ministers, in jail for having received a package from without the country, remains firm in the faith." In this land, our church pews were chopped to pieces by a priest, and our national preachers were beaten with leather thongs.

MAY I ASK how each of us feels when we compare our giving for missions this year to the suffering of those who received the message? What are the feelings of the One who said, "AS THOU HAST SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, EVEN SO HAVE I ALSO SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD" (John 17:18). He spoke these words in order that all might hear, and this was vital to the great plan of world redemption.

We have not as yet scratched the surface in our mobilization. Our potentials to answer the challenge of the God-called missionary lie dormant. We average approximately \$4 per member per year to save the lost—quite a contrast to that of Him who fell prostrate in the garden, and sweat, as it were, great drops of blood to redeem mankind.

There is an answer, but first there must be a vision—there must be a burden.

MOBILIZATION of our youth with a concentrated effort in each church in each state through the state youth board and state offices would be the answer to thousands of dollars that would win tens of thousands of souls. For example, during recent years the youth of Ohio sponsored a project of constructing the administration building of our Bible school in Haiti and at this writing we have been advised that they wish to take on a project of \$3,000 for the year.

The project of the Florida state young people last year was the support of the Central American Bible Institute in El Salvador in the amount of \$73,000.

The youth of South Carolina and Alabama joined hands to sponsor sending Brother and Sister Edward Kustel to the Gilbert Islands as missionaries.

North Carolina, Arkansas, Colorado, and other states have had projects to augment their interest in giving with marked enthusiasm.

We can offer every Y.P.E. a project within the budget that would stimulate the greatest interest for the youth in missions that the church has ever experienced. Each state, of course, would receive the proper recognition for this endeavor. Remember, all of your Bible knowledge, all of your orthodoxy, all of

your spirituality are but make-believe unless we put first things first and mobilize to give the gospel to the world. This the early church did, "so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10).

Each pastor can mobilize his church auxiliaries, and each state can mobilize its forces to provide not *token commitments*, but *total commitment* as the Lord enables them, to meet the forces that are against God. Brethren, the shortness of time, the urgency of the hour, and the apparent coming chaos and crisis in the international affairs demand the reaffirmation of the fulfillment of our duty of love to God by sending the gospel in our prayers and our giving.

The group or individual who is responding either through local and state channels or directly in behalf of native evangelism, church construction, lot purchases, literature for the lost, scholarship students, or just a general offering, is to be complimented. The Missions Department stands ready to give every co-operation to every state overseer, to every state youth director, to every church, and to every auxiliary, as well as to every individual. We will assist in any and every way possible to mobilize our Christian capacities and to fill the great commission to evangelize the world.

Satan is warring against almighty God! These are days of battle. **UNTOLD MILLIONS REMAIN UN-TOLED**, and over half the world remains unevangelized. A thousand million sin-blighted, sin-benighted souls await with longing "the light of Him whose dawning makes all things new."

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5).

We must not, in a recession, *recede* in our giving. But we must *proceed* in our giving and in our possession. We will, we must, we shall possess the land!

The pleasure that I have had in working as the Executive Secretary in the Missions Department in behalf of the church and the augmentation of its world vision in evangelism is beyond my capabilities to express.

We have watched with gratitude the work of God go forward until it has reached proportions beyond our expectations, doubling itself, because of the fine cooperation given by the ministry and membership at home and the consecrated staff of missionaries abroad.

We bid Godspeed to the new officers, praying God's blessings upon them and upon the Board and all who have a part in the great crusade for Christ.

Our parting from Cleveland was unexpected, but we accept it as God's will, though our family is scattered—Donald and his wife Jackie in Atlanta; Dean and his wife Judy in Richmond, Kentucky; Paul Laverne and Carmelita in California—and we return to the Dakotas to continue the work which we pioneered 35 years ago.

*Yours in the Master's service,
Paul H. Walker*

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WORLD FIGURES

Recently the Missionary Research Library released some statistics about the size and influence of world religious groups. The author, Dr. Landis, gives this warning, "It must be stated frankly that the more global the figures, the less reliable they are because of varied methods of compilation and the necessity for combining estimates in certain nations with careful statistical reporting in others." Statistical tables are as follows:

Roman Catholics	475,000,000
Anglicans and Protestants	225,000,000
Orthodox and other Eastern Churches	175,000,000
Copts	10,000,000
(These are considered Christians, and total 885,000,000.)	
Christians	885,000,000
Buddhists	350,000,000
Moslems	350,000,000
Confucianists	300,000,000
Hindus	300,000,000
Taoists	50,000,000
Shintoists	25,000,000
Jews	10,000,000
Sikhs	6,250,000
Jains	1,500,000
Zoroastrians	1,000,000

The world total population is now estimated at 2,855,000,000. The figures above would leave about 400,000,000 to be divided among animists and those who have no religion. In other words, no religion has been brought to them and they sit in utter darkness. More than 1,370,000,000 of the totals listed above are claimed by false religions, and have no hope of eternal salvation.

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Has Your Church Seen Rajammah?



This is a 16 mm sound film, story of the conversion of a lovely Indian girl. It is a true story filmed for the Church of God Foreign Missions Department. Rajammah is one of our national workers in India. Write today for information concerning free use of the film.



BICYCLE FOR MINISTER

Sister Ollie Harris, who has recently been devoting her labors for the Lord in British Honduras, poses with a bicycle and a gas lamp for one of the workers. This was presented to Brother Edwin McDougal by the young people in the State of West Virginia. British Honduras is a very poor place and the work has been suffering very much for lack of funds to carry on, especially with the workers on the fields.

—O. O. Wolfe
Missionary, British Honduras

BOUND FOR TUNISIA

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privileged to have her at our camp meeting. Her being at camp meeting is the main thing I want to tell you. During the summer Sister Gaines had visited two other state camp meetings, and these states had given her liberal personal love offerings. Of course these were given for her own use. However, during our camp meeting mission offering Sister Gaines did a very remarkable thing. Feeling impressed of God, she gave both of those personal offerings, which totaled \$488.88, to the State of Alabama to be loaned to Lee College students from Alabama who want to be missionaries. Plans are afoot to set up a Margaret Gaines Student Loan Fund for missionary students. Sister Gaines gave this at a real sacrifice. Perhaps you would like to add to this fund. If so, mail your contribution to the State office."

VICTORY

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"With funds for memorial chapels, and support for pioneer workers, we can build many more chapels and establish self-supporting works. The Consul and North Portal memorials will soon be completed. The Crisfield memorial is also completed, but we are waiting for some good pictures of it."

—Jim Reesor, Philippines

EDITORIAL NOTE: Brother and Sister Johnson have provided funds for five other memorial chapels. Grateful commendation is extended to them for a vision such as this!